Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—The adoption of protective measures is attended with many serious practical difficulties. Government are still enquiring into the matter, and would do everything possible to meet the situation.

The average dietary charges in the Hospitals.

420. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing the average dietary charges per patient per day in each of the hospitals of the State in Vrischigam 1101?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese .—The subjoined statement gives the information required. (*Vide Appendix VII.*)

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What is the difference between the dietary charges of the patients in the different Hospitals due to? In the General Hospital, Ernakulam, it is 4 as.; and in the Chalakkudi Hospital it is 1 anna 9 pies.

President.—Would you kindly explain, Dr. Verghese?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—In the General Hospital, Ernakulam, cases of a serious nature which require liberal diet such as milk, etc., are attended to. Major operations of a severe nature and serious medical cases are admitted here which necessitate extra nourishment. This contributes to the increase of the dietary charges.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Are not such cases attended to in the other hospitals?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Such cases are rarely attended to on such a large scale in other hospitals.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Please let me know what are such great cases?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—They are mostly serious cases of major operations and compliated cases which have mostly defied all available ordinary treatment.

President.—No other hospital performs such major operations.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No. Not on such a scale as here.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—In the Trichur Hospital, where such major operations are attended to, the charge is only 2 as. 11 ps. whereas in the General Hospital, Ernakulam, it is 4 as. How do you account for the difference?

President.—Because the number of such cases are more in the Ernakulam General Hospital.

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Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—The cases attended to in the Trichur Hospital, the Kunnamkulam, etc., are more or less of the same nature, and the charges should also be naturally the same here. I ask this question, because I am not satisfied with this answer.

President.—Dr. Verghese, your attention is drawn to the Trichur Hospital and Kunnamkulam Hospital. In the former, it is 2 as. 11 ps., and in the latter it is 2 as. 11·3 ps. The member wants to know the reasons for the excess in Kunnamkulam over Trichur.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—In Kunnamkulam, though surgical cases were not so large; there must have been serious medical cases such as of pneumonia, typhoid fever; etc., and very serious cases require more expensive diet. There is also a slight difference in the tender rates of the provisions between Kunnamkulam and Trichur.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—But the rates in Kunnamkulam are cheaper than those of Trichur. In the Chalakkudi Hospital, in my constituency, the rate is 1 anna 9·01 ps. per patient. Can a man live on that?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have got an explanation from the Chalakkudi Medical Officer. He says that the patients there are generally given *kanji* diet, and this accounts for the difference because most of the cases were malaria cases among coolies who were given *kanji* diet during fever.

The average daily attendance in Government Dispensaries.

421. **Mr. George Chakyamuri**—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the average daily attendance of patients in the Government Dispensary at Andikkadavu for the years 1100 and 1101;

(2) whether it compares favourably with the average attendance in the other dispensaries of the State?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Average attendance for 1100 .. 71·31.

Do for 6 months of 1101 .. 63·77.

(2) The average daily attendance of the dispensaries for 1100 is given below for the purpose of comparison.

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APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 415.)

Caste	Revenue Inspectors	Parvatiams	Menons
Brahmins ..	12	28	30
Nayars ..	4	120	129
Ezhuvas ..	1	4	11
Christians ..	2	5	18
Muhammadans ..	...	2	1
Others ..	1	2	7

APPENDIX VII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 420)

1.	General Hospital, Ernakulam	Rs. 0 4 0
2.	Women's Hospital, Mattancheri	,, 0 2 9·8
3.	Civil Hospital, Trichur	,, 0 2 11
4.	Chalakkudi Hospital	,, 0 1 9·01
5.	Maternity Hospital, Trichur	,, 0 2 6
6.	Irinjalakkuda Hospital	,, 0 2 6·26
7.	Kunnamkulam Hospital	,, 0 2 11·3
8.	Chittur Hospital	,, 0 2 9
9.	Nemmara Hospital	,, 0 2 10

APPENDIX VIII.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 424.)

Petition dated 18th Meenam 1100 from Assistant Surgeon Mr. C. L. Joseph.

"I beg to bring to your kind consideration the following few lines of humble petition.

I read in the Government Gazette, dated 8th Meenam 1100 that Dr. T. Verghese was appointed as an additional Civil Surgeon.

In this connection may I respectfully remind that I possess the necessary qualifications for the post of a Civil Surgeon, that I have put in more than 9 years' service, and that soon after my return from England I was promised the next Civil Surgeoncy.

But I have also been told that the present post is only a special appointment as an X-rayist, though no mention of it has been made in the Gazette.

May I respectfully hope that in this appointment my claim for the post of a Civil Surgeon has not been over-looked and that it will remain as a special appointment only."

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